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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR UNRWA INFORMATION

REF: STATE 66530

1. UNRWA HAS SUPPLIED DATA REQUESTED IN REFTEL.

2. RE PARA 2 REFTEL, MOST CURRENT INFO ON ACTUAL OR EXPECTED CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNRWA BY GOVTS IS, EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW, CONTAINED IN UNRWA "ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 1975" DATED 28 FEB 1975. SINCE DOCUMENT COVERS FOUR LEGAL SHEETS, WE ARE POUCHING COPIES APR 7 TO ADDRESSEES, WHO WILL NOTE DISTINCTION AGENCY MAKES BETWEEN "PLDGED" AND "EXPECTED" CONTRIBUTIONS.

3. UNRWA OFFICIALS POINT OUT THAT RESULTS OF 1975 PLEDGING CONFERENCE DO NOT RPT NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR COMPARISONS SINCE RELATIVELY FEW NATLMNS PLEDGED AND MANY PLEDGES ACTUALLY MADE WERE VAGUE. UNRWA HEADQUARTERS FEELS FOLLOWING TABLE, COMPARING ACTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CY 74 WITH ESTIMATED CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CY 75, MIGHT BE HELPFUL.

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MATED ACTUAL INCREASE

1975 1974 (DECREASE)

CONTRIBUTIONS BY GOVTS (\$1,000'S)

(INCLUDING EEC) 85,569 85,321 248

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CONTRIBUTIONS BY UN

AGENCIES	4,368	1,125	3,243
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM			
OTHER SOURCES	1,200	1,245	(45)
MISC INCOME	789	1,795	(1,006)
EXCHANGE LOSS	--	(268)	268

TOTAL	91,926	89,218	2,708

4 UNRWA REPORTS NO CHANGE IN LEVEL OF ANTICIPATED CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE FEB 28, 1975 COMPILATION. HOWEVER, EXPECTED DANISH SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRIBUTION OF DOLS 92,000 HAS BEEN CONFIRMED AND SWITZERLAND HAS PLEDGED 2,000 OF EXPECTED 4,000 TONS OF FLOUR (REMAINING 2,000 TONS STILL "EXPECTED"). RE USG CONTRIBUTIONS, UNRWA COMPILATIONS INCLUDE DOLS 10 MILLION PROVIDED UNDER REFUGEE AND MIGRATION ACT BUT NOT RPT NOT ADDITIONAL DOLS 6 MILLION HOPED FOR. DOCUEMENT SHOWS ONLY DOSL 2,700,000 REGULAR CONTRIBUTION ACTUALLY PLEDGED BY USG. (THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS EXCESS OF PAYMENT OF DOLS 14.3 MILLION RECEIVED TO DATE OVER THAT PART--DOLS 11.6 MILLION--APPLICABLE TO SECOND HALF OF CY 74.) DOCUEMENT ALSO SHOWS FIGURE OF DOLS 11.6 MILLION AS EXPECTED USG PLEDGE FOR SECOND HALF OF CY 75 (FIRST HALF FY 76) IN ABSENCE OF OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF DIFFERENCE IN AMOUNT. WE HOPE THIS INFORMATION READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH POUCHED DOCUEMENT, WILL MEET DEPT'S NEEDS RE JUSTIFICATION FO PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION FOR ADDED DOLS 6 MILLION.

5. RE PARA 3 REFTEL, FOLLOWING IS REQUESTED DATA KEYED TO SUB-PARAGRAPHS:

A) ON APRIL 1, 1975, UNRWA EMPLOYED (OR PAID FOR) 69 PROFESSIONAL (AND ABOVE) STAFF AND NINE GENERAL SERVICE STAFF, OF WHOM NINE PROFESSIONAL (AND ABOVE) STAFF MEMBERS ARE US NATIONALS. NO RPT NO US NATIONALS ARE EMPLOYED IN GENERAL SERVICE CATEGORY.

B) AGENCY'S 1975 BUDGET:

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	
IN THOUSANDS OF US \$	
RELIEF SERVICES	57,388
HEALTH SERVICES	13,349
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EDUCATION SERVICES	53,790
OTHER COSTS	2,317
	126,844

NOTES:

1. ABOVE FIGURES INCLUDE DOLS 13.2 MILLION OF "COM-CON COSTS," ALLOCATED TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS AS APPROPRIATE.
2. "OTHER COSTS" INCLUDE DOLS 2.3 MILLION OF NON-RECUR-

RING COSTS RELATED TO ADJUSTMENT OF PROVISION FOR STAFF SEPARATION COSTS BASED ON PRIOR SERVICE NECESSITATED BY INCREASES IN COST OF LIVING, AND DOLS 17,000 RELATED TO REPAIR OF DAMAGES RESULTING FROM LOCAL DISTURBANCES. NEITHER TYPE OF COST IS READILY ALLOCABLE TO BASIC PROGRAM BUDGET.

C) WITH ESTIMATED 1975 BUDGET OF DOLS 126.8 MILLION (DOWN SOMEWHAT FROM PREVIOUS ESTIMATES DUE TO LOWER WHEAT PRICES, ETC.) AND EXPECTED INCOME OF DOLS 91.9 MILLION, UNRWA CURRENTLY FORECASTS DEFICIT FOR CY 1975 AT DOLS 34.9 MILLION.
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